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SUBJ: BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF FOREIGN ENERGY PROGRAMS

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1. EMBASSY PRESENTS BELOW PRELIMINARY REPLIES TO QUESTIONS I-B AND II-B OF REFTEL. SPAIN'S ENERGY R&D PRIORITY HAS LONG BEEN IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THE RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION IS THE JUNTA DE ENERGIA NUCLEAR (JEN), SPAIN'S AEC. GOS OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED QUITE AN INTEREST IN SOLAR ENERGY, NOTABLY IN THE PRESENT DISCUSSIONS OF THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. HOWEVER, LITTLE SIGNIFICANT WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THIS FIELD.

2. CONCERNING THE BUDGET FOR R&D SPECIFICALLY IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY, THERE ARE NO BREAKDOWNS AVAILABLE. THE TOTAL, HOWEVER, IS SURE TO BE LOW. THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION CHARGED WITH COORDINATING ENERGY R&D, THE INSTITUTO DE ESTUDIOS DE LA ENERGIA, HAS EXISTED SINCE DECEMBER 1974, BUT ONLY ON PAPER.

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THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND WILL HAVE THE STATUS OF AN
INDEPENDENT AGENCY, WITH A STAFF OF 20 WHEN IT IS FINALLY
ESTABLISHED, ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE OFFICIALS WHO WORKED ON IT.
FACTORS IMPEDING ITS FUNCTIONING HAVE INCLUDED ITS RELATIVELY
LOW PRIORITY AND EVIDENTLY SOME RESISTANCE FROM THE ACADEMIC
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